# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SMUGGLING AT GOA AIRPORT
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether smuggling activities have been increasing for the last few years in Goa and its airport becoming heaven for smugglers;

(b) if so, the number of seizures made and contraband confiscated by D.R.I. during the last two years; and

(c) the steps proposed by the Government to tackle smuggling activities at Goa Airport?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

a): There are no intelligence/reports to suggest that smuggling activities have been increasing in Goa.

b): During the last three years, i.e. 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000- 2001 (till date), the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has booked a total of 20 cases of smuggling involving seizure of contraband goods valued at Rs. 3.50 crore at Goa Airport, Unaccompanied Baggage (UB) Centre and Container Yard, Goa. The year-wise details of seizure are as below:-

| Year | No. of cases | Value of goods seized (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1998-1999 | 10 | 2.29 |
| 1999-2000 | 9 | 0.85 |
| 2000-2001 (till date) | 1 | 0.36 |
| Total | 20 | 3.50 |

c): The officers of Goa Commissionerate and DRI are ever vigilant and alert and keeping a constant vigil at Goa Airport, to thwart any attempt of smuggling. The surveillance at Goa Airport has been stepped up.